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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is responsive to a non-final Office action dated May 1, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire August 1, 2002. Further examination and reconsideration are requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 3-14 and 23-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,592,679 (hereinafter, Yung) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,911,149 (hereinafter, Luan). Claims 2 and 15-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yung in view of Luan and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,023,757 (hereinafter, Nishimoto).

Yung discloses a single microprocessor 200 with distributed data flow among a plurality of execution pipes (e.g., pipe 241 of Figure 2). Each execution pipe uses a local register buffer (e.g., buffer 241d) so that locally generated register result values are made quickly available locally within each execution pipe. Yung, col. 3, ll. 27-35. Figure 2 of Yung also includes a global register file 290. However, "Yung does not disclose whether the global register and the



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- ☒ Response to Office action (6 page(s))
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time (month) (page(s))
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (page(s)), including PTO Form 1449 (page(s)), and copies of reference(s)
- ☐ Other: (page(s))
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